(d) what is the production capacity of this plant?

THE MINISTER. OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Dhruva, research reactor, is presently being operated at a power level of 40 MW (thermal). The power level is proposed to be raised to the designed level of 100 MW (thermal) in steps.

**Foreign Exchange Regulation Act cases registered**

565. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the persons against whom cases under the Foreign Exchange Regulations Act (FERA) has been registered during 1987 allegedly involved in violation of FERA;

(b) whether any warrants of arrests have been issued; and

(e) the nature of action taken so far in each case?

THE MNISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) The Directorate of Enforcement have initiated adjudication proceedings in 3690 cases by issue of Show Cause Notices for alleged violation of the provisions of Foreign Exchange Regulation Act during 1987 (upto 30th June). The time and labour involved in cbllerting the particulars of each case(s) as sought for will be disproportionately high. If the hon'ble member specifies any particular cases (s)" in respect of which the information is required the same will be collected and furnished.

(b) and (c) During the same period 106 persons' were arrested under section 35 of FERA, 1973. Investigation in these cases are in progress. Appropriate action under the law as warranted by result of investigations are taken.

**Production in THAL Heavy Water Plant**

566. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA;
SHRT MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY;

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pro duction in the Heavy Water Plant at THAL, set-up by National Chemi cal Fertilisers, is satisfactory;

(b) if so, what is the total annual production in this plant;

(c) what is the total amount spent on this project;

(d) whether Government propose to increase the production of Heavy Water in this plant to meet the requirements of the country;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) the funds required for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) $Th_e$ installed annual capacity of this plant is 110 tonnes.

(c) An amount of Rs. 157.45 crores has been spent till March, 1987.

(d) Government does not propose to expand the capacity of this plant.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

**Foreign exchange racket involving compensatory payments**

567. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY; SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI;

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in "The Times of India" dated the June 30, 1987 wherein it has been stated that a major foreign exchange racket involving compensatory payments to the tune of Rs 30 crores in violation of the FERA has been busted in iiombp.y;

*(b)* if so, the details therein;

(c) whether any inquiry has since been made; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken against the persons found responsible in running the racket?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) 20 premises were searched in Bombay On 27th June, 1987 in an operation code named 'RAHU' organised and supervised by the Central Economic Intelligence Bureau As a result of the searches several incriminating documents evidencing Hawala payments in violation of FERA to the tune of about Rs. 30 crres, Indian currency amounting to Rs. 15,39,100 believed to be proceeds compensatory payments and foreiga currency worth Rs. 1.100 were seized.

(d) After the conclusion of investigations conducted by the Enforcement Directorate, appropriate, action (s) as under the law will be taken, against persons involved.

**Heroin seized in Jodhpur**

568. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA; SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) wiether it is a fact that one quintal of heroin worth Rs. 25 crores has been seized near Jodhpur in third week of June, 1987;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any action is being contemplated by Government in this regard and if so, whether any arrest have so far been made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRT JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) On 10/11.6 1987, the Rajasthan State police intercepted a trurk at Jodhpur and seized 198.975 kgs of heroin of Pakistani origin. In follow-up action on 14.6.1987, a fur-ti er quantity of 91.270 kgs. of herolrt \vv seized from the village Bangasa? in Bikaner district. The truck driver and an associate had been arrested i'>>r. appropriate action under the law.

Investigations in the case are under progress. No precise value ofthe 'drugs seized can be determined as it is dependent on various factors like the purity of drug, source of origin,

**Mishaps in Talcher Heavy Water Plant**

569. SHR . MUKHTIAR SINGH MA-I LIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be